



COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES
August 25, 2008
5:00 P.M.
Council Office

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, J. Waltman, D. Sterner, V. Spencer, S. Fuhs, S. Marmarou, M. Baez

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Younger, R. Hottenstein, S. Katzenmoyer, L. Kelleher, J. Ayala, W. Heim, D. MacMain, J. Link, C. Kanezo, C. Jones, D. Hoag, M. Heller, T. McMahon

Vaughn Spencer, President of Council, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

I. Executive Session

Council entered into executive session at 5:06 pm to discussion litigation. Council exited executive session at 6:20 pm.

II. Memo of Understanding – Waste Water Treatment Plant

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz reviewed the need for the Memo of Understanding. She noted the need for clarity and structure. Mr. Jones reviewed the timeline for completion of the project. He noted that fines may be issued if timelines are missed but that to date the Justice Department has been pleased with the City's progress.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz volunteered to provide draft language and asked Council to provide feedback.

III. Award of Contract – Project Manager and Construction Manager for Waste Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Spencer informed Council that a citizen's petition was used to place this issue back on the Council agenda. He has concerns about this process but action will be taken at the meeting.

Mr. Sterner questioned the use of a committee to review contract awards when necessary. Mr. Spencer indicated his interest in creating an ad hoc committee to help review contracts. He suggested Council members bring names forward for consideration if they are qualified in this area. This would allow for a third party, professional, and impartial review. Mr. Sterner voiced his support of this committee as it would allow an extra review and community involvement. Mr. Spencer noted the ability to use the expertise of others committed to the City.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz again noted the need for Council to know their role in this process. She noted the need for this issue to be addressed and finalized. Mr. Spencer noted that a Council member on the RFP Committee would report back to the body of Council but the decision and recommendation of award will be generated by the Administration.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if this ad hoc committee would review bids and RFPs. Mr. Spencer indicated that they would not. They would be consulted to clarify questions.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested a refresher on the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Jones and Ms. Hoag noted their willingness to review the issues with Council.

Mr. Sterner questioned who would be performing the value engineering. Mr. Jones noted that the project manager would review the design of Black & Veatch. He noted that the contract as it is now proposed would have a subcontractor of the project manager review the design. Ms. Hoag described the differences between value engineering and a peer review of the design.

IV. Agenda Review

Council reviewed the evening's agenda.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested that RFP score sheets be included in future contract awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

By: _____
Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk